

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7597

Joint Petition of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") )  
and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. ("VELCO"), for a )  
Certificate of Public Good ("CPG"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, )  
authorizing (1) the reconductoring of 3.9 miles of 46 kV transmission )  
line in Middlebury and Weybridge, Vermont; (2) construction of a new )  
46 kV transmission line 5 miles in length in Weybridge and New Haven, )  
Vermont; (3) expansion of the CVPS Hewitt Road substation, including )  
the installation of a 46 kV 5.4 MVAR capacitor bank, in Bristol, )  
Vermont; (4) installation of new substation breakers at the VELCO )  
Middlebury substation in Middlebury, Vermont; and (5) installation of )  
new substation breakers at the VELCO New Haven substation in New )  
Haven, Vermont (the "Middlebury Reliability Project") – )

Order entered: 6/20/2011

**ORDER APPROVING PLANTING PLANS**

On August 20, 2010, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued an Order and a Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") in this proceeding. Conditions 5, 6 and 7 of the CPG provide that:

5. CVPS shall file a site plan, for Board approval, showing the details of its proposed mitigation plantings in the area around pole 56. . . . CVPS shall install vegetative screening in accordance with its approved plan.

6. At the Bingham Farm property in New Haven, CVPS shall: (i) plant two blue spruce trees and a line of apple trees or other compatible species on the property, with the purpose of screening the adjacent home and farmstand from a pole structure carrying both electrical conductors and a set of distribution voltage regulators; (ii) attempt to relocate an existing distribution anchor to a location more convenient for lawn maintenance; and (iii) limit construction activities, when the farmstand is operational, to the hours before 3:00 p.m.

7. Upon completion of construction in the areas of poles 56 and the Brigham Farm property, CVPS shall meet with the affected landowners and the Vermont Department of Public Service to determine the exact placement of all trees, and submit a proposed final plan to the Board for approval. Upon approval of the plan for the placement of trees by the Board, CVPS shall act expeditiously to have such trees planted.

Pursuant to Conditions 5, 6 and 7, on May 17, 2011, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") filed proposed planting plans for the involved properties. In its filing, CVPS represents that the Department of Public Service's aesthetic consultant has approved the plans, with his approval conditioned on the implementation of the following requirements at the Bingham Farm property: (1) no fewer than five spruce trees will be planted, with additional spruce trees to be planted if space allows; and (2) CVPS will provide the Bingham's with a soaker hose of sufficient length to water the line of apples, lilacs, and dogwoods adjacent to the tilled area depicted on the planting plan.

The Board established a deadline of May 31, 2011, for comments on CVPS's filing. No party filed comments.

The Board approves the planting plans filed on May 31, 2011, with the following conditions:

1. No fewer than five spruce trees shall be planted on the Bingham Farm property, with additional spruce trees to be planted if space allows.
2. CVPS shall provide the Bingham's with a soaker hose of sufficient length to water the line of apples, lilacs, and dogwoods adjacent to the tilled area depicted on the Bingham Farm planting plan.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
	)	PUBLIC SERVICE
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>	)	BOARD
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	)	OF VERMONT
<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: June 20, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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